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To the PUBLIC.

The ADDRESS of the AUTHORS of ENGLAND DISPLAYED.

THERE is perhaps no country in the world that better deſerves to be known, than the kingdom of England; it has long been famous for mines, medicinal waters, antiquities, manufactures, commerce, and fertility. The works of nature and art are here diſplayed in the utmoſt profuſion, while the traces of the buſy hand of improvement, guided by genius, and ſupported by induſtry, are viſible in every corner of this flouriſhing Iſland.

And yet all the deſcriptions hitherto publiſhed are very defective, and the modern improvements almoſt totally diſregarded. Indeed the far greater part of theſe improvements have been made ſince the principal books of this kind were publiſhed; and ſucceeding writers have been little better than copiers of the imperfect accounts and errors of their predeceſſors.

But it is not our intention to point out here the faults of former writers: they are already ſufficiently conſpicuous, and will ſerve as beacons for us to avoid the rocks on which they have miſcarried.

The Authors of this Work, animated by the moſt laudable curioſity, and impreſſed with the warmeſt attachment to their native country, have made the knowledge of its internal advantages their peculiar ſtudy, and ſome of them have travelled to its remoteſt borders, to gratify the paſſion ſo laudably inſpired.

Having completed their agreeable tour, they have carefully digeſted their materials, and now chearfully ſubmit them to the public eye, fearing no cenſure, as they have ſincerely laboured to deſerve none, and courting no applauſe but what their labours may be thought to merit.

There is indeed one particular, in which all the accounts of this iſland hitherto publiſhed are deficient from neceſſity; a want of perſpective views and other plates abſolutely neceſſary to elucidate all performances of this kind, if the authors are deſirous of conveying adequate ideas to their readers.

This defect we have been very careful to ſupply, by giving more than thrice the number of copper-plates, excluſive of maps, to be found in any work of this kind yet extant. And on theſe copper plates, which are moſt elegantly engraved, we have taken care to repreſent the moſt curious objects, whether formed by the hand of nature or art.

Entertainment and inſtruction are the principal ends of this performance: we will therefore endeavour to give the reader all the ſatisfaction in our

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power, with regard to every object that merits attention. We will lead him from one place to another, and point out the various particulars for which each is remarkable: diſplay their government, their cuſtoms, and their privileges: we will deſcribe the various ſtructures, whether erected by ancient or modern artiſts; together with the ſtatues, paintings, and curioſities, natural or artificial, with which many of them are decorated; we will trace the courſes of the rivers which water theſe iſlands, and deſcribe the different canals, and other works of art, intended to increaſe the benefit of inland navigation.

The trade and manufactures of each county will be fully conſidered; and the various improvements lately made in many of the mechanical arts particularly enumerated.

Agriculture and every other branch of huſbandry certainly demand a particular attention. The authors have therefore traced the various improvements by which the value of lands have been of late ſo conſiderably augmented, in order to diſſeminate this uſeful knowledge over all parts of the kingdom, that every county may equally reap the advantages of theſe important diſcoveries, many of which have been long confined to the ſmall diſtricts where they were originally made.

If the natural hiſtory of foreign countries be thought worthy our attention, certainly that of our own deſerves to be particularly regarded by the inhabitants of theſe kingdoms. It is indeed chiefly from the natural hiſtory that we collect the value and importance of any kingdom; becauſe from thence we learn its produce of every kind. The greateſt care therefore will be taken to diſplay the riches we derive from the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms; to deſcribe their reſpective properties, together with the methods of uſing, improving, and manufacturing them for the various purpoſes of life.

Nor will the remains of antiquity be forgotten. The authors will point out the ruins of ancient ſtructures, and often give a conciſe hiſtory of their building and deſtruction. An affecting ſcene! but pregnant with leſſons of inſtruction. It ſhould teach us to value the civil and religious liberties we now enjoy in this happy iſland; and ſtimulate us to tranſmit theſe invaluable bleſſings undiminiſhed to poſterity. For it ſhould be remembered, that it was the iron hand of tyranny, and the inſatiable ſword of religious bigotry, that reduced many of thoſe famous ſtructures to heaps of rubbiſh, and laid the ſplendor of their inhabitants in the duſt.

In conſidering ſuch a variety of ſubjects, ſome errors and miſtakes will inevitably be committed: the authors will do all in their power to avoid them; and will think themſelves highly obliged to every ingenious gentleman, who will favour them with any accounts of places, either wholly omitted, or imperfectly deſcribed by preceding writers; or of any improvement lately made in agriculture, manufactures, and other curious and uſeful arts. For as it is intended to render this work as complete as poſſible; and in order to which, neither pains nor expence will be ſpared; ſo it is hoped that thoſe gentlemen who would wiſh to ſee the natural and artificial riches of their native country properly diſplayed, will lend their generous aſſiſtance to complete ſo uſeful a deſign.

GEORGE R.

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting. Whereas *P. Ruſſell*, Eſq; *Owen Price*, Gentleman, and *J. Coote*, Bookſeller, have, by their Petition, humbly repreſented unto us, That *P. Ruſſell*, and *Owen Price*, have been at great Labour and Expence, and have engaged ſeveral other Gentlemen, not only to make an actual Survey, but alſo to collect and digeſt the various Materials, already extant, to perfect the following Work, entitled, "ENGLAND DISPLAYED; "*Or a Complete Survey and Deſcription of Our Kingdom of England*, "*and Principality of Wales.*" That they have alſo engaged ſeveral ingenious Artiſts to take perſpective Views, &c. on the Spot, in order to decorate and illuſtrate the ſaid Work, &c. We being willing to give all due Encouragement to this Undertaking, are graciouſly pleaſed to condeſcend to the Petitioners' Requeſt. And we do therefore, by theſe Preſents, grant unto them the ſaid *P. Ruſſell*, *Owen Price*, and *J. Coote*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, Our Licence for the ſole printing and publiſhing of the ſaid Work, for the Term of fourteen Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, ſtrictly forbidding all Our Subjects, within Our Kingdoms or Dominions, to reprint or abridge the ſame, either in the like or any Size or Manner whatſoever, or to import, buy, vend, utter, or diſtribute, any Copies thereof, reprinted, beyond the Seas, during the aforeſaid Term of fourteen Years, without the Conſent or Approbation of the ſaid *P. Ruſſell*, *Owen Price*, and *J. Coote*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, under their Hands and Seals firſt had and obtained, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Peril.

Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the 28th Day of *February*, 1769, in the Ninth Year of our Reign.

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